

# THINGS WORTH KNOWING

In China yellow is the symbol of faith.

Russia has a European area of 2,095,504 square miles.

The circumference of the earth is 131,385,456 feet.

London has 200,000 factory girls getting \$1.50 a week.

It is said that the Persians call the Americans *Yanki dooiah*.

Sulphate or chloride of zinc dissolved in water is a good disinfectant.

Eton school was founded in 1440. Its endowments exceed £20,000 per annum.

It is estimated that the coal strata underlying Colorado exceed 36,000 square miles.

Each adult inhales a gallon of air per minute, and consumes daily 30 ounces of oxygen.

Dumb-bells is a corruption of *Dumpels* or *Dumplings*, the same word as *Dumplings*, and means heavy.

In Spain, a woman retains her surname while the son may adopt either the paternal or maternal name.

At the battle of Waterloo the British artillery fired 9,467 rounds, or one for every Frenchman killed.

On the 31st March, 1890, there were in the United Kingdom 18,359 post-offices, and 20,827 letter-boxes.

The five Eras are the Greek (Olympiads), the Roman, the Christian, the Julian Period, and the Mohammedan Era.

The word *non-de-plume* is not known in French, in which language the proper equivalent is *nom-de-guerre*.

The Persian Gulf is called the Green Sea from a remarkable strip of water of a green color along the Arabian coast.

The distinctive tenets of the Morisonians are that the Divine Father loves all, the Divine Saviour died for all, and the Divine Spirit strives with all.

Upwards of 11,000,000 crabs are canned each season in the Hampton, Virginia, establishments, and find a ready sale in all parts of the United States.

Scots currency was, when abolished, 1707, of only 1-12th the value of sterling, and £100 Scots equalled £8 6s 8d sterling, or £1 Scots equalled 1s 8d sterling.

In the public libraries of Europe there are more than 21,000,000 printed volumes. In Europe, the United States of America, and in Australia there are at least 100,000,000 books.

The Y. M. C. A.'s of the United States now own property worth \$12,500,000. One thousand and eighty-three persons are engaged as paid officials, and there are 225,000 members.

Queensland, the most recently organized of the Australian colonies, has an extent of 1300 miles from north to south, and 800 miles from east to west, including 668,497 square miles of area.

The full weight of a sovereign is 5 dwts. 3-274 grains; but it is a legal tender when 5 dwts. 2-3 grains, and is received at par by the Bank of England at the "current weight" of 5 dwts. 2-3 grains.

Gold was not coined in England until 1257, and copper not until the 17th century. Of the old gold coins, the chief were the merk, of 13s 4d; the noble, of 6s 8d; and later the guinea, valued after 1717 at 21s.

Public banks were introduced shortly after the revolution of 1688. The earliest and greatest, the Bank of England, founded 1694, advanced its capital, then £1,200,000, to the government, and acquired important privileges.

The phrase "local option" is borrowed from a letter by Mr. Gladstone in 1868, when, writing on the subject of the "Permissive Bill," he said that he was disposed to "let in the principle of local option wherever it is found satisfactory."

According to the researches of a German statistician, the number of dancing women to one dancing man is: In Vienna 2; in Bavaria, 7; Italy, 15; Wurtemberg, 20; England, 25; Prussia, 28; Holland, 26; Saxony, 38; Spain, 50; Switzerland, 107; Portugal, 110; Denmark, 130; Russia, 150; Norway and Sweden, 211; Turkey, 9,000.

The government of the British navy, vested originally in a lord high admiral, has, since the reign of Queen Anne—with the exception of a short period, April, 1827, to September, 1828—been carried on by a board, known as the board of admiralty, which consists of seven members, namely, the first lord, who is always a member of the cabinet, and six assistant commissioners.

There are now, it is said, 194 cotton-seed oil mills in the Southern States, with aggregate capital of over \$20,000,000, against 40, with a capital stock of \$3,500,000 in 1880. In the last crop year about 1,000,000 tons of seed were crushed, and yielded 37,000,000 gallons of oil, besides furnishing meal for mixture with other substances for fertilizers, while the hulls are used for the fattening of cattle.

The first account we have of an armored ship is in 1530. It was one of the fleet of the Knights of St. John, entirely sheathed with lead, and it is said to have successfully resisted all the shot of that day. At the siege of Gibraltar, in 1782 the French and Spaniards employed light iron bomb-proofing over their decks. The first practical use of wrought iron plates as a defence for the sides of vessels was by the French in the Crimean war in 1853, to be used against the Russian forts in the Baltic.

A knot is 608266 feet. An admiralty knot equals 6080 feet, the statute mile being 5280 feet.

Wales was conquered by Edward I. in 1282, and formally annexed to England, by Henry VIII. in 1536.

The number of inhabited houses in Scotland in 1881 was 739,005; uninhabited, 59,697; building, 4990.

The Great Powers is a term of modern diplomacy, by which are now meant Britain, France, Austria, Germany, Italy and Russia.

The conquest of Ireland was begun in the year 1170, but can hardly be regarded as completed until the surrender of Limerick in 1691.

The first reform bill for England and Wales received the royal assent 7th June, 1832; that for Scotland 17th July; and for Ireland 7th August.

In the United States of America the law recognizes degrees in murder, and in France and some other civilised nations "extenuating circumstances" are taken into consideration.

It is an old saying that Jews cannot get along in Scotland because the Scotch are smarter than the ancient people, and that it is a fact that there are comparatively few Jews in Scotland.

Counterfeit notes are uniformly smaller than genuine ones. The plate is made by tracing over the lines of a good bill, and the damp paper shrinks, making the impression smaller than the plate.

The Roman catholic church had two archbishops and four bishops in Scotland in 1890, 352 priests, and 335 churches, chapels and stations. The number of Roman catholics is estimated at 326,000.

According to statistics the world's production of fine copper in 1890 amounted to 270,485 tons of 2,240 pounds each, of which the United States produced 116,325 tons, or 43 per cent. of the world's supply.

It is estimated that it costs New York city every year for socks and stockings for her female population a round \$2,000,000, or enough to maintain nearly 20,000 persons, a whole city, for a year in food.

In the bituminous coal mines of Pennsylvania the average number of persons employed in 1889 was 53,780, against 34,248 in 1880, the amount paid for wages in 1889 being \$21,142,051, against \$10,863,583 in 1880.

The total annual income from the gaming tables at Monte Carlo is about £800,000, the average daily profit from a roulette being £200. To Prince Albert of Monaco the sum of £50,000 is paid annually for the concession to play.

Italian farm hands in the vicinity of Rome earn \$1 per week. In Rome stone masons get 54 cents a day, carpenters 56 cents, blacksmiths 55 cents, day laborers 25 cents, stone and marble cutters 79 cents, clerks in stores \$2 a week.

A peppercorn rent is a rent of one peppercorn a year—in other words, a nominal rent to be paid on demand. It is an expedient for securing an acknowledgment of the tenancy in cases where lands or houses are let virtually free of rent.

The profits of coffee cultivation in Mexico are very large. In the state of Vera Cruz the berry is produced at a cost of \$7 per 100 pounds, and sells for \$22 to \$23 per 100 pounds, and sometimes even higher. The production has quadrupled since 1881.

The naval reserve was originated in 1859. It is recruited from the merchant service, fishing centres, etc. The members are classed as able seamen, ordinary seamen, and boys. Enrolment is for five years, and four enrollments qualify for a pension. They number about 20,000.

The following are the principal foreign watering places: Dieppe, Ostend, Trouville, Nice, Heligoland, Norderney, St. Malo, Dinard, Granville, Greve, Dazette, Livorno, Cherbourg, Calais, St. Briac, Boulogne, Mont St. Michel, Parame, St. Enogat, St. Belade, Valendar, and St. Clement.

The English House of Commons is composed of 670 members—viz. 495 for England and Wales, 103 for Ireland, and 72 for Scotland—elected by secret ballot in counties and boroughs, by electors possessing household or lodger or service franchise, or occupying freehold of 40s, etc. The universities are also represented. Members must be 21 years of age.

Mongolian fiddles are of peculiar construction, and emit sounds which from a musical point of view are as inharmonious as the instrument is uncouth in appearance. Divested of its strings a Chinese fiddle has the same appearance as a mallet, with the handle long and flattened to about an inch in width and an eighth of an inch in thickness. In the lower part of the handle are inserted two keys, one above the other. To each of the keys are attached two strings of horse hair or catgut; the other ends are firmly wound about the mallet head.

The \$500,000,000 in silver and gold extracted from the bowels of the Comstock lode since 1859 (to say nothing of the \$250,000,000 from the outside districts within the state of Nevada's border, making a total of about \$750,000,000) has enriched the financial world to that extent, and the annual flow of millions from the same sources still continues, although considerably diminished in volume. Many enterprising men invested their time, labor or money in the development of the justly famous lode, and many have stayed with it from the old surface croppings down to the 3,300-foot level, the lowest mining depth attained on the American continent.

The earth moves at a velocity of 15 degrees an hour, or about 17,366 miles a minute; one degree is therefore equal to four minutes.

The banana is the most prolific of all the fruits of the earth, being 44 times more productive than potatoes, and 131 times more than wheat.

The Metrical system was legalized throughout the German empire on Jan. 1, 1872, but French nomenclature is as far as possible avoided.

No valid tender can be made of gold, silver, or copper coin defaced by names or words stamped thereon, or bent by any machine or instrument.

Originally all monks were laymen, but after about the eighth century the superiors, and by degrees other members, were admitted to holy orders.

Since 1840 the banking of the world has increased about eleven-fold, that is, three times as fast as commerce, or thirty times faster than population.

Surnames were introduced into England by the Normans, but were for centuries confined to the upper classes. They became general in Scotland about the twelfth century.

In Belgium, Bulgaria, Greece, Italy, Roumania, Servia, Spain, and Switzerland, the money of account is identical with that of France—the franc—the names alone differing.

In Ireland, in 1881, there were only three cities with over 50,000 inhabitants, viz.:—Dublin, with 249,602, but 349,648 within the metropolitan police district; Belfast, 208,122; and Cork, 80,124.

France and Italy both collect a window tax, hence many poor people live in houses without windows. Every business is taxed, and a man must pay a building tax before he is allowed to put up a house.

The established Church of England is protestant episcopal. Its fundamental doctrines and tenets are embodied in the thirty-nine articles, agreed upon in convocation in 1561, and revised and finally settled in 1571.

Comet wine is a term of praise to signify wine of superior quality. A notion prevails that the grapes in comet years are better in flavor than in other years, either because the weather is warmer and ripens them better, or because the comets themselves exercise some influence on them. Thus wines of the years 1811, 1826, 1839, 1845, 1852, 1858, 1861, etc., have a reputation.

When Shakespeare and Milton wrote, only five or six millions spoke their language. One hundred years ago forty millions of people spoke German, thirty millions French and fifteen millions English. Prof. F. A. Marsh says that more than one half the letters of the world's postal service are now written and read by English-speaking people. Jacob Grimm, one of the ablest historians of language, says: "The English speech may with full right be called a world language."

The Fata Morgana is the singular aerial phenomenon, akin to the mirage. It is seen in many parts of the world, but most frequently and in greatest perfection at the Straits of Messina, between Sicily and Italy. So many conditions must coincide, however, that even there it is of comparative rare occurrence. To allow of its production the sun must be at an angle of forty-five degrees with the water, both sky and sea must be calm, and the tidal current sufficiently strong to cause the water in the center to rise higher than on the edges of the strait. When these conditions are fully met, the observer on the heights of Calabria, looking toward Messina, will behold a series of rapidly changing pictures, sometimes of most exquisite beauty—streets, arches, houses, fleets of ships, colonnades, castles, etc., each surrounded by halo of colors. It is supposed that the images are due to the irregular refractive powers of the different layers of air above the sea, which magnify, repeat and distort the objects on the Sicilian shores beyond; but to the Italians these singular appearances are the castles of the Princess Morgana, and the view of them is supposed to bring good fortune to the beholders.

A Paul Pry Invention. If half that is claimed for the "kinetograph" be true, we tremble for the tranquility of a million girls. The "kinetograph," it should be understood, is a Wizard Edison's latest invention, and is said to combine the auricular talent of the phonograph with the visual accomplishments of the clairvoyant. When wound up it will not only be an eavesdropper, but it will also see things from which the interloping human eye, no matter in however an inquisitive head that eye be placed, has been debarred contemplation.

Standing innocently on the upper shelf of the etagere in the parlor, the "kinetograph" will not only (as we all know the phonograph has frequently done) hear John avow his passionate love for Jane, but will see him kiss her. And precisely as the phonograph repeats in public what it has heard, so the kinetograph will reproduce, for other eyes, what it has seen. This may be a rather a small and narrow way of looking at the possibilities of the latest invention of the most wonderful inventor of this or any other age. We feel compelled, however, to forewarn lovers (whom all the world loves) of every treasonable aspiration of cold and non-emotional science promptly and precisely as it manifests itself. Keep the "kinetograph" out of the parlor, girls.—*New York Continent*.

Unhappy Kings and Queens. How dearly the Czar pays for his sceptre and crown. His royal majesty wanted to go to Moscow to celebrate an anniversary, but oh, the preparations, lines of soldiers guarding the way between those cities, a false report given of the time when the train should start, finally leaving the depot in secret when no one suspected. The czar has given up the idea of going to Crimea because of danger. The expulsion of the Jews has excited the people very much. There is not a beggar from the millions of the Russian nation but has a more enjoyable life than the emperor of all Russia. There is certainly no pleasure or comfort in wearing a crown or sitting on a throne under such circumstances. The sword that hung over the head of Damocles

was a pleasant diversion compared to a dread uncertainty. The sword could be seen; but to live in constant fear of the unseen must be terrible. The royal people are having a hard time in some places just now. King Charles of Portugal talks about resigning; poor Natalie, of Servia, expelled from her country and not allowed the rights of the commonest peasant, that of seeing her own child. In fact, the happiest sovereigns just now are Queen Wilhelmina, of Holland, playing with her dolls and kittens, and the king of Spain and his donkey. If they live a few years longer they may see different days.—*Mail and Express*.

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St. John, N. B.,  
2nd April, 1891.

ROBERT TURNER,  
ANDREW FINLAY.

## TRUSTEES' NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that ROBERT TURNER, of the City of St. John, Dry Goods merchant, has this day assigned all his estate to us, in trust for the benefit of his creditors. The trust deed now lies at the office of E. & R. McLeod & Ewing, Barristers, Ritchie's building, Princess street, Saint John, and all creditors wishing to participate in the trusts of the said deed are required to execute the same within three months from the date hereof.

Dated the third day of April, 1891.  
SAMUEL C. PORTER, } Trustees.  
JAMES T. GILCHRIST, }  
E. & R. McLEOD & EWING, }  
Solicitors.

## Equity Sale.

IN THE SUPREME COURT IN EQUITY  
Between DAVID O'CONNELL, Plaintiff,  
and  
PETER P. BYRNE, Defendant.

THERE will be sold at Public Auction, at Chubb's Corner (so-called), in the City of Saint John, in the City and County of Saint John, and Province of New Brunswick, on TUESDAY, the 14th day of JULY next, at the hour of twelve o'clock, noon, pursuant to the directions of a Decretal Order of the Supreme Court in Equity, made in the above cause, on the Thirteenth day of April last past, and with the approval of the undersigned a Referee in Equity, pursuant to the fourth chapter of the Act of the General Assembly of this Province, passed in the fifty-third year of the reign of Her Present Majesty, Queen Victoria, the mortgaged lands and premises described in the Plaintiff's Bill, and in the said Decretal Order, as:

"All that certain lot piece and parcel of land situate lying and being in the Parish of Musquash 'in the City and County of Saint John and being lot 'number (2) two in the grant to Ebenezer Scott and others, and bounded as follows to wit, on the 'southerly end or front by the Musquash river, on 'the westerly side by the easterly side line of lot 'number (1) one in the same grant now called 'number (3) nine, on the northerly or rear 'end by land owned now or lately by Thomas 'R. Jones and others and on the easterly side 'by other land owned by the said Peter P. 'Byrne, the land hereto conveyed containing one 'hundred acres more or less, the said lot number (2) 'two being the land on which the said Peter P. 'Byrne now lives, together with all and singular 'the buildings and improvements thereon, and the 'premises belonging or appertaining, and the reversion and reversions, remainder and remainders, 'rents, issues, and profits thereof, and all the estate, 'right, title, interest, property, claim, and demand 'whatsoever both at law and in Equity of him, the 'said Mortgagee, of in to out of or upon the said 'lands and premises and every part thereof."

For terms of sale and other particulars, apply to the Plaintiff's solicitor or the undersigned Referee. Dated this fifth day of May, A. D., 1891.

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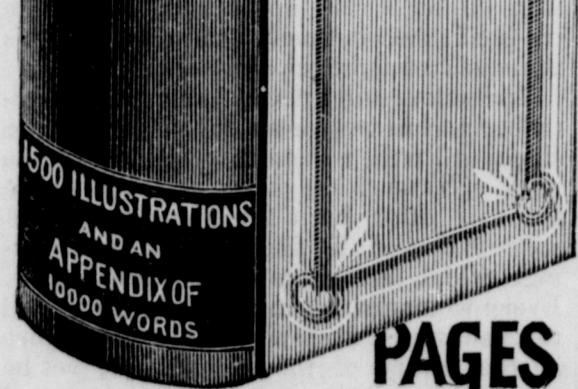
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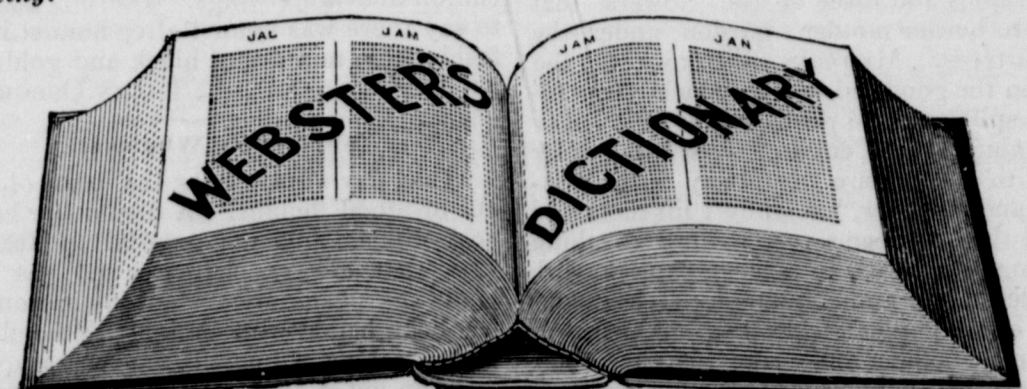
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